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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is requested of all rejections based on 35 USC 103:

We note examiner's allowance of dependent claims 8 and 13 (if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations, etc.). Therefor, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation recited in claim 8 and claim 9 has been amended to include the limitation recited in claim 13.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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